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Sir:

This is a Response to the Communication received from the Examiner (Paper Number 11), dated November 29, 2002.

The Examiner states that Applicants' previous response, dated September 17, 2002, was not fully responsive to the prior restriction requirement dated July 3, 2001 (Paper Number 7). In particular, the Examiner indicates that the previous restriction requirement necessitated the choice of "... one SEQ ID NO for IL-B60... that forms a heterodimer with one SEQ ID NO: for CLF-1 (i.e., human vs. murine sequences)." Applicants sincerely apologize to the Examiner for this oversight. For the record, Applicants understand that the requirement entails the selection of the human heterodimer (comprised of a human IL-B60 in association with a human CLF-1) or the murine heterodimer (comprised of a murine IL-B60 in association with a murine CLF-1).

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